

FUONLYKNEW

Laura's Ramblins and Reviews

stay updated via rss

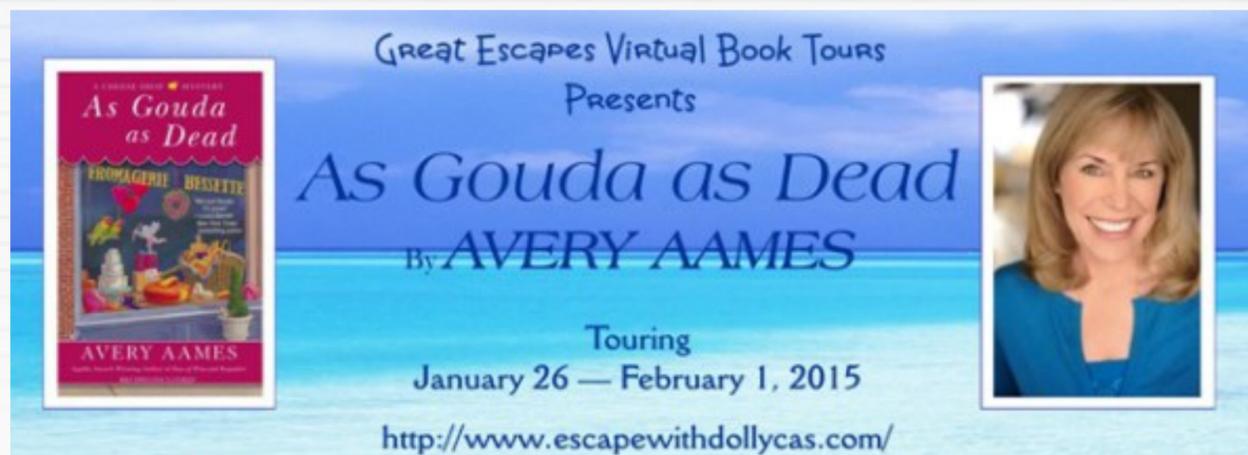


➔ **As Gouda As Dead ~ A deliciously fun cozy mystery review and giveaway**

51

Posted: January 28, 2015 in **Author Interview, Contests, Cozy Mystery, Giveaway Hop, giveaways, reviews, Romance**

Tags: **As Gouda As Dead, cozy mystery, giveaway, New Release, Scavenger Hunt**



Hi ya'll. I have so much to share with you today!

I have my review of As Gouda As Dead.

There's a delicious recipe for you to try.

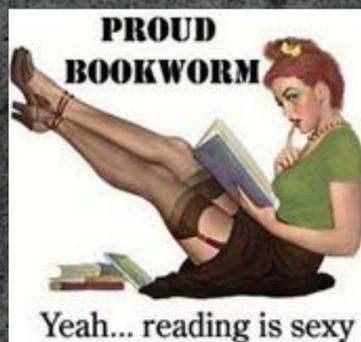
Plus two giveaways. And ones a scavenger hunt!

Come on in and join the fun!

~~~~

**As Gouda as Dead  
(CHEESE SHOP MYSTERY)**

search this site



### FOLLOW BLOG VIA EMAIL

Enter your email address to follow this blog and receive notifications of new posts by email.

Email Address

Follow

### RECENT POSTS

- Ella, The Slayer by A.W. Exley ~ Review Tour and Giveaway
- Friction by Sandra Brown ~ Blog Tour and Giveaway
- Super Bad by Kai Strand ~ Book Blast and Giveaway
- Just a little....Hair Of The Dog ~ Tour Review and Giveaway
- Teaser Tuesdays #126 ~ Ghosts Among Men

### CATEGORIES

Select Category

### FOLLOW MY BIRDIE!



Twitter Buttons

### FOLLOW ME VIA BLOGLOVIN

Follow me on [bloglovin'](#)

448 followers

Laura Thomas

Add to circles



165 have me in circles

ME! ME! FOLLOW ME!



Follow My Blog!

Click here to follow this blog and view my other followers...

### 2015 READING CHALLENGE



Laura has completed her goal of reading 130 books in 2015!



(100%)

[view books](#)

MY PINS

**laura thomas**

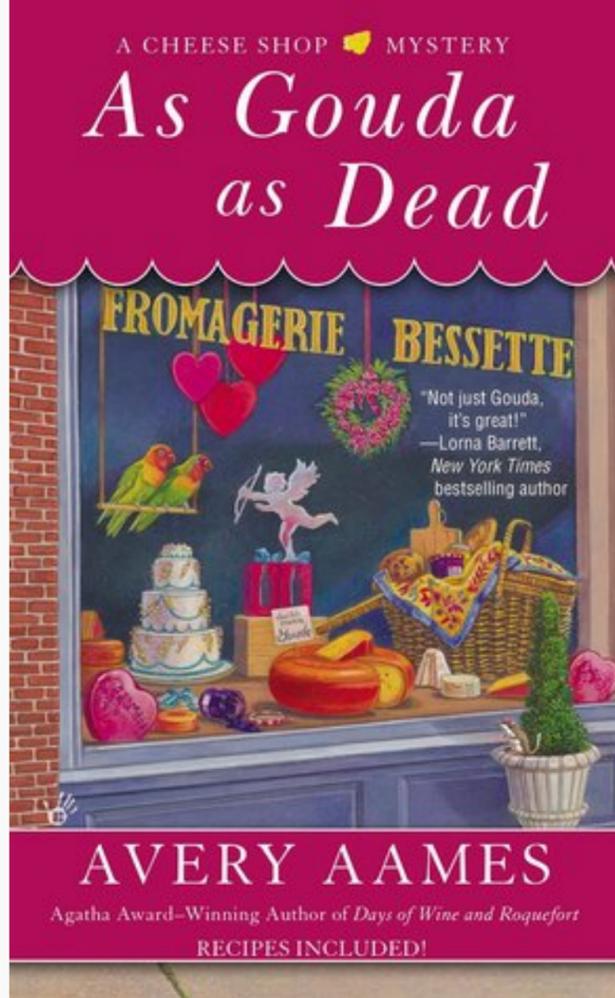


See On [Pinterest](#)

### January 2015

| M     | T  | W  | T     | F  | S  | S  |
|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|----|
|       |    |    | 1     | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5     | 6  | 7  | 8     | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12    | 13 | 14 | 15    | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19    | 20 | 21 | 22    | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26    | 27 | 28 | 29    | 30 | 31 |    |
| < Dec |    |    | Feb > |    |    |    |

MY 2014 READING CHALLENGE



Cozy Mystery

6th in Series

Mass Market Paperback: 304 pages

Publisher: Berkley (February 3, 2015)

ISBN-13: 978-0425273319 / E-Book ASIN: B00LMGK43E



### My Review

I sure do enjoy cozy mysteries and I'm thrilled each time I discover a new series and author.

I'll be following this one.

It's almost Valentine's Day and a week of special events is planned in the town of Providence, Ohio.

Charlotte Bessette, owner of Fromagerie Bessette, is especially excited because she's finally marrying the man of her dreams, Jordan Pace, this coming weekend. That is until she finds a dead body dumped in the large vat full of milk at her fiances cheese farm.

Charlotte and Jordan decide to postpone their wedding until the case is resolved, once it's proven to be a murder.

I was worried about them. No matter that he assured her they will get married in the spring. No matter that he professed his ongoing love in the tender love notes he leaves for her to discover. Something, a feeling I got, had me wondering if the wedding would occur. I know I'm suspicious by nature. If it were my fiance, he'd probably throw his hands up in frustration.

When Charlotte stumbles upon another dead body, Chief of Police Umburto Urso relents and listens to her theories, her conclusions. It's a race to find the killer before more people are killed.

The author's descriptions of Providence made me feel right at home. I live in a small single tax colony founded by artists. The downtown area is filled with small shops, bakeries, coffee houses, and restaurants. And just like in this book, the owners all know each other, all use each others wares, and all chip in when something needs doing. It's a tight knit community and you'd never meet a more loyal, friendly bunch.

I'd recommend you have some napkins handy while reading this one. The food described in these pages is delicious. I swear I could smell and taste it and my mouth was watering. There are some wonderful recipes included at the end, so be sure to check them out.

4 Stars

### Synopsis

#### Someone is cheesed off . . .

Providence, Ohio, is celebrating Valentine's Day with weeklong events, including lovers' baskets with heart-shaped cheeses at Fromagerie Bessette. Charlotte Bessette is celebrating by finally walking down the aisle with the man of her dreams, handsome artisanal cheese farmer, Jordan Pace. But when a beloved bar owner is discovered murdered on Jordan's farm, he believes they should reschedule their wedding given the grim turn of events.

Charlotte is heartsick over the postponement. This killer crossed the wrong woman. No one, but no one, is ruining her wedding plans!

~~~~~

Recipe

Potato Bacon Parmesan Soup

The protagonist of my *Cookbook Nook* mysteries would probably blanch at the number of ingredients in this recipe, but Charlotte Bessette, the cheese shop owner in the *Cheese Shop* mysteries would have no problem with it. She loves to cook. She knows some recipes take more steps. She loves to add cheese to just about everything. The Parmesan cheese in this recipe adds just the right about of yum! This is perfect for a cold winter night. Even better if you're snuggling up with a good book! Anybody planning to read AS GOUDA AS DEAD?

PS: You'll notice there is no flour in this recipe. The potatoes do all the work of thickening the soup, so this is gluten-free!

POTATO BACON PUREE SOUP

[serves 6)



Ingredients:

2 pounds large Yukon Gold potatoes (about 4)

6 strips bacon

1 yellow onion, chopped

2014 READING CHALLENGE



Laura has completed her goal of reading 125 books in 2014!



(100%)

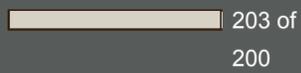
[view books](#)

MY 2013 READING CHALLENGE

2013 READING CHALLENGE



Laura has completed her goal of reading 200 books in 2013!



(100%)

[view books](#)

BOOKS I'VE READ

my read shelf:



ARCHIVES

Select Month

```
.gr_grid_container { /* customize grid container
div here. eg: width: 500px; */ }
.gr_grid_book_container { /* customize book
cover container div here */ float: left; width:
39px; height: 60px; padding: 0px 0px;
overflow: hidden; }
```

LAURA'S BOOKS





Laura Thomas's favorite books »

Share book reviews and ratings with Laura, and even join a book club on Goodreads.

1 tablespoon butter

1 cup half-and-half

2 cups milk (I used 2%, but you can use regular, too)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

2 teaspoons salt

1 tablespoon of salt (for boiling water)

1 teaspoon ground black pepper

1 teaspoon white pepper

Extra Parmesan for garnish

Directions:

Bring a large pot of water to a boil with 1 tablespoon salt. While water is heating, cut the potatoes into quarters. Add cut potatoes to boiling water and bring to a boil. Cook for 20-25 minutes until tender. [A fork should slide easily in and out.] Drain well. Return the potatoes to the pot and cover, heat off.

Meanwhile, chop onions and saute in butter on low for about 10 minutes.

Also cook the bacon to crispy, let cool on paper towels. Break into pieces. Tip: I use scissors to get the bigger pieces chopped. Set aside. (Reserve 2 pieces for the garnish)

In a small saucepan over medium heat, warm the half-and-half and cheese until it simmers. Add the bacon.

With a handheld mixer, beat the hot potatoes in the pot until they are broken up. [You can also use a masher.] Slowly add the cream, salt, pepper, then beat until smooth. [Note, right at this moment, you have fabulous mashed potatoes. You can skip the next step—adding milk—and serve as a side dish.]

Now, proceeding to make the soup. Add the 2 cups of milk. If the potato soup needs to be reheated, cover and cook gently over low heat until warm. [A few minutes.] Pour into 6 serving bowls and sprinkle with extra Parmesan cheese & bacon. Serve hot.

~~~~~

## Say Cheese! As part of her Great Escapes Book Tour Avery Aames is including an I Love A Mystery Secret Code Game!

Here's how it works:

**1 – Collect the Secret Code Word at each of Avery Aames Escape Blog Tour stops.**

**Check out Avery's delicious recipe on Each Blog Stop  
to collect the Secret Word for that stop.**

**2 – At the end of Avery's blog tour, put the words together and  
form the Secret Code Sentence.**

**Then [CLICK HERE](#) to be taken to the tour page and insert the Secret Code Sentence in the form with your  
name, email address and mailing address.**

**3. One Lucky Winner will receive a Fabulous Prize Package including an autographed copy as As Gouda As  
Dead, an I love A Mystery Tote and fun swag!**

4. 10 Runner's Up will receive a Cheese Shop/Cookbook Nook kitchen jar opener and recipe cards.

All winners will be randomly selected from all entries submitted.

Winners will be contacted via email and the prize will be sent to the address you provided on the form.

Have fun and get searching!

Avery

I LOVE A MYSTERY SECRET CODE GAME:

The 3rd of the 7 words in Avery's I Love A Mystery Secret Code Contest is Great



Other stops on the tour are listed at the bottom of the post.

~~~~~



About This Author

As **AVERY AAMES**, she pens the Agatha Award-winning, nationally bestselling *Cheese Shop Mystery series* featuring a cheese shop owner amateur sleuth, set in the fictional town of Providence, Ohio.

As **DARYL WOOD GERBER** writes the nationally bestselling Cookbook Nook Mystery series featuring a cookbook store owner who is an avid reader and admitted foodie, set on the coast of California.

Daryl's short stories have been nominated for the Agatha, Anthony, and other awards. Fun tidbit: as an actress, Daryl has appeared in "Murder, She Wrote" and more.

Author Links

Visit Daryl or Avery at www.darylwoodgerber.com.

"They" blog on www.mysteryloverskitchen.com as well as www.killercharacters.com

<http://www.darylwoodgerber.com>

<http://www.averyaames.com>

<http://www.mysteryloverskitchen.com>

<http://killercharacters.com>

Facebook: Daryl ~ Avery

Twitter: @AveryAames @DarylWoodGerber

Goodreads:

Daryl Wood Gerber

Avery Aames

Purchase Links

Amazon ~ B&N ~ Book Depository

~~~~

**Tour Participants**

**January 26 – Brooke Blogs – Review, Recipe, Giveaway**

**January 27 – Booklady's Booknotes – Review, Recipe, Giveaway**

**January 28 – fuonlyknew – Review, Recipe, Giveaway**

**January 29 – Michele Lynn Seigfried's Blog – Review, Recipe, Giveaway**

**January 30 – Melina's Book Blog – Review, Recipe, Giveaway**

**January 31 – Griperang's Bookmarks – Review, Recipe, Giveaway**

**February 1 – Traveling With T – Review, Recipe, Giveaway**

~~~~



I have one print copy of As Gouda As Dead to give away.

Entry is easy. Just leave your email address so I can contact you if you win and answer this question:

"Do you ever try the recipes provided in the cozy mysteries you read?"

Giveaway ends February 4th.

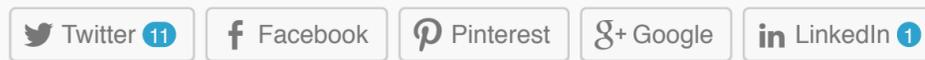
~~~~

Thanks so much for visiting fuonlyknew and Good Luck!

To see all of my giveaways click on the lucky horseshoe below!



**Share this:**



**Like this:**



4 bloggers like this.

**Related**

Fudging The Books ~ My Cozy Review and Two Giveaways!  
August 3, 2015  
In "Blog Tour"

Murder on the Bucket List ~ Tour Review and Giveaway  
July 7, 2015  
In "Blog Tour"

A Five-Ingredient Mystery ~ By Cook or by Crook ~ Cozy Review & Giveaway  
November 4, 2014  
In "Blog Tour"

## Comments



Jen says:  
January 28, 2015 at 7:19 am

I am reading the Cheese Shop Mystery series, and I am looking forward to the newest book! Sadly, I am not much of a cook but I like to check out the cozy recipes in the back of the book. 😊  
myrifraf(at)gmail(dot)com

**Reply**



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 2:53 am

I am starting a collection of recipes from the cozies and hope to start trying some and post about them too!

**Reply**



**Stormi D Johnson** says:  
January 28, 2015 at 12:57 pm

I haven't tried a recipe that are in some of the cozies I read but I finished Criminal Confections the other day and it has a recipe for chocolate butter that keeps popping up in my mind and I might give it a try...lol.

Stormi  
booklady2007 @ gmail.com

**Reply**



**amreade** says:  
January 28, 2015 at 4:39 pm

My two favorite words: chocolate and butter.

**Reply**



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 2:54 am

Chocolate Butter. YUM! If you try it please share the recipe and let me know what you think!

[Reply](#)



**Taylor Dean** says:  
January 28, 2015 at 3:03 pm

I don't read many books that have recipes featured in them. But I'll try the potato-bacon soup listed above! Yum! It sounds so good. I love finding new recipes and I'm addicted to food network. I would enjoy combining my two obsessions: cooking and reading! Win-win!

[Reply](#)



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 2:55 am

Let me know if you try it! I think it would be fun to try the recipe and include my thoughts with a review of some of the books.

[Reply](#)



**Patricia T** says:  
January 28, 2015 at 3:22 pm

Yes, if the recipe is simple (I'm no gourmet cook). This potato soup would be one I'd try. Congratulations, Avery...this is a wonderful series.

[Reply](#)



**Patricia** says:  
January 30, 2015 at 3:00 pm

Forgot my email... patucker54 at aol dot com

[Reply](#)



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 2:56 am

This one seems easy to make and sure looks delicious:)

[Reply](#)



Betty says:  
January 28, 2015 at 3:32 pm

I haven't tried any of the recipes but I intend to once I get everything together...you know I'm always lacking an ingredient:( The book sounds great as does the recipe! Thank you for the contest!

[woodrumbetty@gmail.com](mailto:woodrumbetty@gmail.com)

[Reply](#)



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 2:57 am

That's the one thing that gets a little crazy. All of those one time spices and stuff sure fill up my cupboards. LOL

[Reply](#)



**suekey12** says:  
January 28, 2015 at 4:08 pm

I love to try new recipes—the ones I find in cozies always seem good.

[suefarrell.farrell@gmail.com](mailto:suefarrell.farrell@gmail.com)

[Reply](#)



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 2:58 am

I used to do new recipes every couple of days. Been so long since I've done it I want to start doing it again:)

**Reply**



**amreade** says:

January 28, 2015 at 4:41 pm

As Gouda as Dead sounds like a great read; I'll be adding it to my ever-growing TRB pile. Putting recipes in the book is a terrific idea—I'm wondering where you get the recipes. Are they your own or someone else's?

**Reply**



fuonlyknew says:

January 31, 2015 at 3:00 am

I'm curious too. Maybe they are family recipes?

**Reply**



**Barbara Hawk** says:

January 28, 2015 at 5:31 pm

I have tried a couple. It is nice that the recipes have been taste tested. Books sound great! [angelhwk68@yahoo.com](mailto:angelhwk68@yahoo.com)

**Reply**



fuonlyknew says:

January 31, 2015 at 3:00 am

My son is the taste tester here. LOL

**Reply**



**sherry fundin** says:

January 28, 2015 at 6:27 pm

No, I don't cook. LOL I love the titles and covers for cozies. Great post, Laura.

sherry @ [fundinmental](#)

**Reply**



fuonlyknew says:

January 31, 2015 at 3:01 am

Mr. Wonderful does though. Give me a Taco bell any day! Wish I could make mine taste just like theirs. LOL

**Reply**



Kiki says:

January 28, 2015 at 6:50 pm

I have tried a couple of recipes. I can't wait to try this potatoe recipie.

[xzjh04@ Gmail.com](mailto:xzjh04@Gmail.com)

**Reply**



fuonlyknew says:

January 31, 2015 at 3:02 am

Anything potatoes is worth a try!

**Reply**



Barbara Tobey says:

January 28, 2015 at 8:16 pm

Usually the recipes give me ideas. I tend to use whatever I have on hand. Bobbipad at gmail dot com

**Reply**



fuonlyknew says:

January 31, 2015 at 3:03 am

I usually follow the recipe the first time and if I really like it, I'll tweak it a bit too.

**Reply**



Anita Yancey says:

January 28, 2015 at 11:31 pm

No, I haven't tried any of the recipes yet, but some of them sound pretty good. I guess I need to start using them.

ayancey1974(at)gmail(dot)com

**Reply**

---



fuonlyknew says:

January 31, 2015 at 3:03 am

I have several dessert recipes I'm wanting to try soon too.

**Reply**



holdenj says:

January 29, 2015 at 12:06 am

I have! My favorite (and most successful) was a blonde brownie cookie. Thanks!JHolden955(at)gmail(dot)com

**Reply**

---



fuonlyknew says:

January 31, 2015 at 3:04 am

Cookies! That one even sounds yummy. LOL

**Reply**



**Lark @ The Bookwyrms Hoard** says:

January 29, 2015 at 12:41 am

Yes! I tried the butterscotch brownies from Nancy Atherton's *Aunt Dimity's Good Deed* and they were pretty good. And this potato soup recipe has my mouth watering. I'm definitely going to try it.

**Reply**

---



**Lark @ The Bookwyrms Hoard** says:

January 29, 2015 at 12:42 am

Oops, forgot the email. jkpekar (AT) crosslink (DOT) net

**Reply**

---



fuonlyknew says:

January 31, 2015 at 3:05 am

Butterscotch! That has my mouth watering. Been too long since I've tasted it!

**Reply**



Judy says:

January 29, 2015 at 3:26 am

I collect recipes but the potato bacon one I think I'll actually be making this weekend.

**Reply**

---



fuonlyknew says:

January 31, 2015 at 3:06 am

Let me know what you think if you do!!

**Reply**



Cyn209 says:

January 29, 2015 at 3:39 am

I'm not much of a cook, but I share the recipes with my sister-in-law.....  
thank you for the giveaway!!!

**Reply**

---



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 3:06 am

Then she offers you a taste! LOL

[Reply](#)



Kaye Killgore says:  
January 29, 2015 at 6:12 am

I do occasionally try the recipes in the back of the book. I love this series.

[Reply](#)



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 3:07 am

I'm collecting them now:)

[Reply](#)



Georgine Dorman says:  
January 29, 2015 at 11:39 am

some of my favorite recipes come from the books I have read. Love this Potato soup recipe

[Reply](#)



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 3:08 am

That's awesome! I picked up some things today and hope to try one this weekend. My son is waiting to taste test:)

[Reply](#)



kari cook says:  
January 30, 2015 at 6:14 am

Yes i have tried the recipes but I enjoy reading the recipes more than cooking.

[Reply](#)



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 3:09 am

LOL I do that too and love to watch the network shows:)

[Reply](#)



**Lisa Brown** says:  
January 30, 2015 at 1:56 pm

No, I haven't but I did copy a number of them for the future.

[Reply](#)



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 3:09 am

I', collecting them too and will post about them when I make them.

[Reply](#)



Dotty Kelley says:  
January 30, 2015 at 11:15 pm

No, not much of a cook, but have saved a few for possible future use.

[Reply](#)



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 3:11 am

I used to even make my own potato chips! LOL Now I'm single and have just my son to cook for but he's really

liking it when I cook something new.

**Reply**



Jess Dimovski says:  
January 31, 2015 at 12:35 am

No but I have them printed to make in the future. [zeta@iwon.com](mailto:zeta@iwon.com)

**Reply**



fuonlyknew says:  
January 31, 2015 at 3:11 am

I'm collecting them too:)

**Reply**



Sandy says:  
January 31, 2015 at 2:26 am

I love the recipes from these books. First recipe I ever made from a cozy was a Cherry Coffecake from a Diane Mott Davidson book about 1996. Been hooked ever since.

[Oneponychick66@hotmail.com](mailto:Oneponychick66@hotmail.com)

**Reply**



fuonlyknew says:  
February 3, 2015 at 1:28 am

That sounds delicious. 1996! That's been a while. I'm looking forward to posting about the recipes.

**Reply**



**Kristin Lundgren** says:  
February 1, 2015 at 3:42 am

Yes, I do. I first tried the recipes when Diane Mott Davidson started putting them in, and have been doing so ever since.

**Reply**



fuonlyknew says:  
February 3, 2015 at 1:29 am

Two in a row from Diane Mott. Going to go check out her books now!

**Reply**

## Let's Talk



Get amazing deals on eBook Bestsellers at [IgniteYourBook.com](http://IgniteYourBook.com) and enter the giveaway

[A Southern Gothic Mystery ~ They Call Me Crazy ~ Review and Giveaway](#)



